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DEPUTIES' MEETING

25X1 Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory,
Colonel White, Mr. Helms, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Kirkpatrick,
Mr. Sheldon, [REDACTED]

MR. DULLES:

a. Asked Mr. Helms, in coordination with Mr. Sheldon, to prepare a chronology of our acquisition of the tape recently published in the press on the shoot-down of the American aircraft over Russian Armenia last fall.

25X1 b. Noted that he had considered whether or not it would be
wise to have [REDACTED] appear before the Lyndon Johnson
Subcommittee on Preparedness. In light of Senator Symington's dis-
agreement with intelligence estimates on Soviet missile production,
25X1 the Director said should it be decided to do this, he would of course
want [REDACTED] to be present in addition to
Sherman Kent and possibly some of the other Estimators who are now

25X1 [REDACTED] General Cabell commented that he had some reservations
about the wisdom of having this or any other CIA panel appear before
any committee of Congress. He said the findings of these panels are
subject to interpretations by CIA and the community as a whole, and
should not be looked upon as the last word. The Director said that
25X1 [REDACTED] he realized this and also commented that ^{if} outside panels are subject
to being called before Congressional committees, we might in the
future find it difficult to obtain people to serve on them, particularly
individuals who hold top positions in industry. The Director made it
clear that no firm decision had been reached on this matter, that he
intended to put his thoughts on paper, and would discuss it again at
a Deputies' Meeting.

c. Mentioned a State Department dispatch prepared by the First Secretary of the U. S. Embassy in Moscow concerning RFE broadcasts and, at Mr. Amory's request, gave it to him to read and return.

d. Referred to a memorandum from Colonel White of 5 January, Subject: NIS Program, and a subsequent memo from the DD/S on this

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subject, and commented he was still of the opinion that expenditures for this program can be reduced. Mr. Amory noted that a study is going forward and some consideration is being given to reducing publication of information on Communist front organizations. The Director said in his mind this was the last subject to be cut out and/or reduced and he felt there must be a number of other items that can be placed on a low priority.

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[REDACTED] After some discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Amory would discuss this matter further with Mr. Arneson in State without making any hard commitment and bring this matter up again at a future Deputies' Meeting.

e. Stated for some time he had been concerned about the responsibility for protecting American dignitaries who visit foreign countries. He said the forthcoming inauguration of President Bettencourt is a case in point. He noted that the Secret Service has responsibility for the President and Vice-President, and the State Department looks after its people. The Director went on to say that heretofore, and as will be done in the future, this Agency has furnished intelligence pertinent to visits but he was not aware of any responsibility on CIA's part to provide protection. He said by the same token, there is no paper as such on this matter and he felt it was high time that a document be drawn up and forwarded to the Department of State with copies to the Treasury Department (Secret Service), FBI, and General Goodpaster for the White House. Action: Mr. Kirkpatrick, in coordination with Messrs. Angleton and [REDACTED] to draft such a document which is to be forwarded to the State Department no later than Tuesday, 10 February.

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f. Referred to the agreement of the U. S. Government to furnish some ten million dollars' worth of arms to Indonesia and stated his intention of taking up the point that the U. S. is not receiving any quid pro quo for these arms. He commented that although he did not deny that he had been consulted on this matter prior to approval, he wanted to make the point that any further grant of arms should have

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[REDACTED] Action: DD/P to prepare a memorandum on this subject. The Director can either send it to State or use it as an aide memoire in discussions with State and Defense.

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MR. HELMS:

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b. Noted he had recently read an article in Sports Illustrated about the poor showing of the U. S. basketball team in South America and commented this was about the best propaganda item from the USSR standpoint he had seen in a long time. The Director agreed and noted his intention of raising this matter at the next OCB meeting.

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